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for the Town of  
**SHARON**  
NEW HAMPSHIRE


1999





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For the Year Ending  
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## **TOWN OFFICERS**

### **MODERATOR – 2 Years**

Hampton Howard	Term expires 2000
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### **SELECTMAN – 3 Years**

Barton Goodeve	Term expires 2000
Donald Burgess	Term expires 2001
Peet Rapp	Term expires 2002

### **TOWN CLERK – 1 year**

Linda Paris	Term expires 2000
Leslie Grady (deputy town clerk)	Appointed

### **TREASURER – 1 year**

Leslie Grady	Term expires 2000
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### **COLLECTOR OF TAXES**

Leslie Grady	Appointed
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### **TRUSTEE OF FUNDS – 1 year**

Chester Bowles	Term Expires 2000
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### **SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST – 6 years**

Barbara Wilson	Term Expires 2000
Charles Johnson	Term Expires 2001
Diane Callahan	Term Expires 2002
Richard Dufresne	Term Expires 2002

## **PLANNING BOARD – Appointed**

John MacEachran	Term Expires 2000
Karen DeBonis	Term Expires 2000
Kennith Callahan	Term Expires 2001
Chester Bowles	Term Expires 2002
Robert Boyd	Term Expires 2003
Dan Claff	Alternate
Floyd Backus	Alternate

## **TOWN FOREST ADVISORY COMMISSION – Appointed**

Donald Burgess	Selectman
Karen Debonis	Conservation Commission
James Martens	Member
Charles Johnson	Member
Cathleen Arco	Alternate

## **CONSERVATION COMMISSION- Appointed**

Karen Debonis	Term Expires 2000
Lori Groleau	Term Expires 2000
Gina Goff	Term Expires 2001
Bruce Matthews	Term Expires 2002
Kenneth Callahan	Term Expires 2003
James Husbands	Alternate
Peter Paris	Alternate
John Milton Street	Emeritus

## **HEALTH INSPECTOR**

Will Fenno, MD	Appointed
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## **BUILDING INSPECTOR**

Tim Groesbeck

Appointed

## **SCHOOL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE**

Maureen MacAdams

Term Expires 2000

## **FOREST FIRE WARDEN**

Kenneth Callahan

Appointed

## **DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS**

Peter Paris

Appointed

Barton Goodeve

Appointed

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR**

Barry Rhodes

Appointed



# TOWN OF SHARON, NEW HAMPSHIRE

## TOWN WARRANT

To the inhabitants of the Town of Sharon, New Hampshire, in the County of Hillsborough, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet in the Brick Schoolhouse in said Town on Tuesday, March 14, 2000 at 11:00 in the forenoon to ballot for Town Officers, and other questions required by law to be decided by ballot. The polls will be closed at 7:00 PM. The business meeting will start at 7:30 PM on the same date at the Sharon Arts Center.

**ARTICLE 1.** To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

**ARTICLE 2.** To see if the Town will vote to set the following amounts which shall be paid to the Town Officers for their services, or take any action relative thereto: -

### COMPENSATION SCHEDULE

Selectmen	\$1,500 per year Plus \$2,500 expenses
Town Clerk	\$1,500 per year plus fees
Assistant Town clerk	\$500 per year
Collector of Taxes	\$2,500 per year plus fees
Treasurer	\$1,500 per year
Trustee of Trust Funds	\$50 per year
Moderator	\$40 per session
Supervisors of the Checklist	\$7 per hour
Fire Warden	\$100 per year
Building Inspector	\$75 per permit issued
Emergency Management Director	\$500 per year

**ARTICLE 3.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the purposes specified, or take any action relative thereto:

ACCOUNT	DEPARTMENT	Amount
4130	Executive.....	\$7,150
4140	Election and Registration.....	4,250
4150	Financial Administration.....	12,000
4153	Legal Expenses.....	1,000
4191	Planning and Zoning.....	2,500
4194	General Government Building.....	500
4195	Cemeteries.....	500
4196	Insurance.....	500
4220	Fire.....	20,997
4240	Building Inspection.....	500
4290	Emergency Management.....	500
4312	Highways.....	50,000
4316	Street Lighting.....	300
4324	Solid Waste Disposal.....	23,434
4414	Animal Control.....	250
4442	Welfare.....	1,500
4619	Conservation Commission.....	350
4723	Interest on Tax Anticipation.....	300

**ARTICLE 4.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$518 for the home Health Care and Community Services, Account 4415, or take any action relative thereto. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 5.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$298 for the Monadnock Family Services, Account 4415, or take any action relative thereto. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 6.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$250 for the future revaluation of the Town and place the said sum in Account 4915, a Capital Reserve Fund for said purpose, or take any action relative thereto. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 7.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 to be placed in the Town Office Building fund, Account 4915, or take any action relative thereto. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 8.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$19,680 for the repair and shimming of Spring Hill Road, Account 4312, or take any action thereto. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$22,960 for the repair and shimming of Mill Road, Account 4312, or take any action thereto. The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.

**ARTICLE 10.** To see if the Town will adopt the following amendment to the Zoning and Building ordinance, striking paragraphs 3 & 4 on pages Z10, to be replaced by:

“3. It shall be unlawful to erect or locate any residential dwelling or commercial structure, including accessory buildings, that (1) require the construction of a sewage disposal system, or (2) would increase the load on an existing sewage disposal system within the meaning of RSA 485-A:38 without first obtaining a building permit from the Board of Selectman. All structures shall meet existing setback requirements. Building permits issued for the relocation within the Town, or the construction or relocation of commercial structures shall not be counted in the growth management limitations.

4. No building permit shall be required for repairing or remodeling structures unless additional occupancy space is created, or such repair or remodeling increases the load on the sewage disposal system, within the meaning of RSA 485-A:38.”

The Planning Board recommends this amendment to the Zoning and Building ordinance.

**ARTICLE 11.** To see if the Town will strike the definition for “structure” on page Z16 in the Zoning and Building ordinance, to be replaced by:

““Structure” means anything built for the support, shelter or enclosure of persons, animals, goods, or property of any kind, as well as anything constructed or erected with a fixed location on or in the ground, exclusive of fences.”

The Planning Board recommends this amendment to the Zoning and Building ordinance.

**ARTICLE 12.** To transact any other business which legally shall come before this meeting.

Given under our hand and seals at said Sharon, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of February 2000

Selectmen:

  
Barton D. Goodeve

  
Donald Burgess

  
H. Peet Rapp

STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE  
DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION  
MUNICIPAL SERVICES DIVISION  
P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487  
(603)271-3397



**BUDGET OF THE TOWN/CITY**

OF: Sharon, NH

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, \_\_\_\_\_ to December 31, \_\_\_\_\_

or Fiscal Year From 1/1/2000 to 12/31/2000

**IMPORTANT:**

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.</li><li>2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.</li><li>3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the above address.</li></ol> |
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DATE: February 16, 2000

**GOVERNING BODY (SELECTMEN)**

*Please sign in ink.*

*Barbara J. Hall*  
*Donald W. Benson*  
*John P. Rapp*

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**THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct. #	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FY (RECOMMENDED)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
GENERAL GOVERNMENT			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4130-4139	Executive		7150	6637	7150	
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		4250	4497	4650	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		12000	10503	12000	
4152	Revaluation of Property					
4153	Legal Expense		1000	430	1000	
4155-4159	Personnel Administration					
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		2500	1438	2000	
4194	General Government Buildings		500	224	500	
4195	Cemeteries		500	570	500	
4196	Insurance		2000	1425	500	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.					
4199	Other General Government					
PUBLIC SAFETY			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4210-4214	Police					
4215-4219	Ambulance		600	600	-0-	
4220-4229	Fire		13218	13218	20997	
4240-4249	Building Inspection					
4290-4298	Emergency Management		500	3455	500	
4299	Other (Including Communications)					
AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4301-4309	Airport Operations					
HIGHWAYS & STREETS			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4311	Administration					
4312	Highways & Streets		50000	36151	50000	
4313	Bridges		500	-0-	500	
4316	Street Lighting		300	319	300	
4319	Other					
SANITATION			XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4321	Administration					
4323	Solid Waste Collection					
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		28734	28884	23434	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up					

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Acct.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	WARR. ART.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FY (RECOMMENDED)	APPROPRIATIONS ENSUING FY (NOT RECOMMENDED)
SANITATION cont. XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX						
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other					
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX						
4331	Administration					
4332	Water Services					
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other					
ELECTRIC XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX						
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation					
4353	Purchase Costs					
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance					
4359	Other Electric Costs					
HEALTH XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX						
4411	Administration					
4414	Pest Control		250	70	250	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other		896	896	816	
WELFARE XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX						
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assst.		1500	-0-	1500	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts					
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other					
CULTURE & RECREATION XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX						
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation					
4550-4559	Library		7700	4250	4500	
4583	Patriotic Purposes					
4589	Other Culture & Recreation					
CONSERVATION XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX						
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources					
4619	Other Conservation		350	224	350	
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMNT & HOUSING					
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT					
DEBT SERVICE XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX XXXXXXXX						
4711	Princ.- Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes					
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		300	-0-	300	



1	2	3	4	5	6	7
PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS		WARR.	Appropriations	Actual	APPROPRIATIONS	APPROPRIATIONS
Acct.#	(RSA 32:3.V)	ART.#	Prior Year As	Expenditures	ENSUING FY	ENSUING FY
		Approved by DRA	Prior Year	(RECOMMENDED)	(NOT RECOMMENDED)	

DEBT SERVICE cont.		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4790-4799	Other Debt Service				
CAPITAL OUTLAY		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4901	Land				
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment				
4903	Buildings				
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.				
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund				
4913	To Capital Projects Fund	10000	10000	10000	
4914	To Enterprise Fund				
	Sewer-				
	Water-				
	Electric-				
	Airport-				
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund	250	250	250	
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917				
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds				
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds				
4919	To Agency Funds				
SUBTOTAL 1		144998	124041	141997	

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the the line total for the ensuing year.

Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount	Acct. #	Warr. Art. #	Amount





1	2	3	4	5	6
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	WARR. ART.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	ESTIMATED REVENUES ENSUING YEAR
TAXES					
3120	Land Use Change Taxes			4250	
3180	Resident Taxes				
3185	Timber Taxes		5000	155	2000
3186	Payment in Lieu of Taxes				
3189	Other Taxes				
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		2000	1340	1500
	Inventory Penalties				
	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)				
	Excavation Activity Tax				
LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES					
3210	Business Licensee & Permits				
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		45000	53335	55000
3230	Building Permits		300	300	300
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		1200	1151	1200
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT				
FROM STATE					
3351	Shared Revenues		14000	7729	8000
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution				
3353	Highway Block Grant		14000	15455	15000
3354	Water Pollution Grant				
3355	Housing & Community Development				
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		200	214	200
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement				
3359	Other (Including Railroad Tax)				
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS				
CHARGES FOR SERVICES					
3401-3406	Income from Departments				
3409	Other Charges				
MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES					
3501	Sale of Municipal Property				
3502	Interest on Investments		3300	7514	7500
3503-3509	Other			14353	

1	2	3	4	5	6
		WARR.	Estimated Revenues	Actual Revenues	ESTIMATED REVENUES
Acct.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	ART.#	Prior Year	Prior Year	ENSUING YEAR

INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3912	From Special Revenue Funds			
3913	From Capital Projects Funds			
3914	From Enterprise Funds			
	Sewer - (Offset)			
	Water - (Offset)			
	Electric - (Offset)			
	Airport - (Offset)			
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds			
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds			3795
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes			
	Amta VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")			
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes			
TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS		85000	109591	90700

"BUDGET SUMMARY"

SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from page 4)	141997
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from page 5)	42640
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above, column 6)	90700
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	93937

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

MS-61

MS-61

FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF SHARON, NH YEAR ENDING 1999

DEBITS		Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years)		
UNCOLLECTED TAXES- BEG. OF YEAR* :			1998		
Property Taxes			\$40,808.70		
Resident Taxes			NA		
Land Use Change			4,250.00		
Yield Taxes			172.10		
Utilities			NA		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd.			NA		
Filing fee-Land Use Change			10.00		
TAXES COMMITTED- THIS YEAR:					
Property Taxes	#3110	\$511,355.98			
Resident Taxes	#3180	NA			
Land Use Change	#3120	NA			
Yield Taxes	#3185	4,616.75			
Excavation Tax	#3187	NA			
Utilities	#3189	NA			
OVERPAYMENT:					
Property Taxes	#3110	5,703.44	31.89		
Resident Taxes	#3180	NA	NA		
Land Use Change	#3120	NA	NA		
Yield Taxes	#3185	--	--		
Excavation Tax	#3187	--	--		
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	333.12	1,371.75		
Resident Tax Penalty LIEN COST	#3190		266.00		
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 522,009.29	\$46,910.44	\$	\$

\* This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

MS-61

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FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF SEARON, NH YEAR ENDING 1999

CREDITS	Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years) 1996		
<b>REMITTED TO TREASURER:</b>				
Property Taxes	\$487,695.50	\$31,963.70		
Resident Taxes	NA	NA		
Land Use Change	--	4,260.00		
Yield Taxes	4,616.75	172.10		
Utilities	NA	NA		
Interest	333.12	955.45		
<del>FINANCE</del> COSTS		62.00		
<del>Excavation Tax @ \$.02/vd.</del> OVERPAYMENTS	5,703.44	31.89		
Conversion to Lien (should equal line 2, pg.3)		8,845.01		
INT & COSTS CONVERTED TO LIEN		620.31		
<b>DISCOUNTS ALLOWED:</b>				
<b>ABATEMENTS MADE:</b>				
Property Taxes				
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Utilities				
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/vd.				
<b>CURRENT LEVY DEEDED</b>				
<b>UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080</b>				
Property Taxes	23,460.48			
Resident Taxes				
Land Use Change				
Yield Taxes				
Utilities				
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$522,009.29</b>	<b>\$ 46,910.46</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>\$</b>

# TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

MS-61

MS-61

FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF SHARON, NE YEAR ENDING 1999

DEBITS	<sup>1998</sup> Last Year's Levy	<sup>1997</sup>	<sup>1996</sup> PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years)	
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Yr.		\$ 8,506.12	\$ 5,080.98	
Liens Executed During Fiscal Yr.	\$ 9,465.32	--	--	
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	466.76	718.63	1,660.72	
<b>TOTAL DEBITS</b>	<b>\$ 9,932.08</b>	<b>\$ 9,224.75</b>	<b>\$ 6,741.70</b>	<b>\$</b>

## CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:	Last Year's Levy		PRIOR LEVIES (Please specify years)	
Redemptions	5,243.67	4,375.83	5,080.98	
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution) #3190	466.76	718.63	1,660.72	
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes				
Liens Deeded To Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Bal. End of Yr. #1110	4,221.65	4,130.29		
<b>TOTAL CREDITS</b>	<b>\$ 9,932.08</b>	<b>\$9,224.75</b>	<b>\$6,741.70</b>	<b>\$</b>

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ? YES

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE *Lisette Grady* DATE: 1/18/2000



# TOWN CLERK REPORT

1999

<u>Month</u>	<u>Automobile Registrations</u>	<u>Dog Liscences</u>	<u>Miscellaneous</u>	<u>Total Collected</u>
January	\$4,389.00	\$28.00	\$115.75	\$4,532.75
February	3,921.00	19.50	24.00	3,964.50
March	3,437.00	63.00		3,500.00
April	6,279.00	189.00	20.33	6,488.33
May	4,508.00	55.50	6.00	4,569.50
June	2,491.00	37.50	199.00	2,727.50
July	5,918.00		76.00	5,994.00
August	5,705.00	22.00	91.00	5,818.00
September	3,720.00	6.50	40.00	3,766.50
October				
November	3,565.00		5.00	3,570.00
December	<u>6,475.00</u>			<u>6,475.00</u>
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$50,408.00</b>	<b>\$421.00</b>	<b>\$577.08</b>	<b>\$51,406.08</b>

Issued 73 dog liscences.

All dogs and wolf hybrids must be liscenced by April 30,2000 and a current rabies certificate must be filed.  
Per RSA 466:13, a penalty of \$25.00 will be imposed for any dog or wolf hybrid not liscenced by June 1,2000.

Office Hours:      Tuesdays 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M. at the Brick Schoolhouse.  
                         Linda Paris Town Clerk                      924-4078  
                         Leslie Grady Deputy                              924-6923

Respectfully Submitted:

Linda Paris/Town Clerk

## Selectmen's Report

The Town's final year of the twentieth century was consistent with the other 99 years. It was quiet and efficient, with town matters addressed by all in a cooperative, objective-oriented fashion.

We sadly note the passing of Eleanor Butler, who for many years served as our Town Treasurer. Being Treasurer is a relatively thankless job, with a low public profile. However, it is critical to our financial management, demanding accuracy in detail and timeliness. Ellie was extraordinary in this position. She took the business of the Town very seriously and we were all rewarded by her work. No doubt we never thanked her enough during her years of service. We express that appreciation, one last time, now. The Selectmen will miss her greatly and extend our sympathy to her children and family.

In 1999, continued improvement was made to our roads and infrastructure. Our cemeteries have received some overdue attention with work that will continue through next season. The Town Office now qualifies as well-organized and managed. We thank Linda Paris, who as the Selectmen's Administrative Assistant, has made this all possible. The Selectmen truly could not do their job effectively without her.

Emergency Management continues to grow under the thoughtful guidance of Barry Rhodes. This year five multi-band radios were acquired to provide emergency and town maintenance communications among town officials and various agencies. As we are dependent on outside services for all emergencies, the ability to communicate directly can be critical. The radios provide significant benefit for the public safety of our citizens.

A joint Town Forest/Conservation Committee was established to review previous timber and forest management plans with the advice of an independent forester. Based on the results of this review, the Selectmen may continue with a suitable harvest in the Town Forest, the proceeds of which will be placed in our reserved funds for the purchase of additional conservation lands, easements, and other efforts.

Finally, the finances of the Town continue to be conservative and under control. We weathered the confusion surrounding state funding of education and enjoyed a small reduction in our overall tax cost. And, unlike many other towns, we were not forced to borrow during the crisis. 1999 actual operations were under budget, with many accounts within a few dollars of their targets. Our negotiated arrangement with the Peterborough Library Trustees rewarded the Town. Actual expenditures were 45 percent less than what was originally proposed by the Trustees, saving us several thousand dollars against the budget. For 2000, our budget increase is just over one-half a percent, in spite of a significant increase in the amount we must pay for fire protection.

All in all, a good year. 2000 should be another one.

Respectfully submitted,

		
Barton D. Glodve, Chairman	Donald Burgess	Peet Rapp

## **REPORT OF THE ROAD AGENT**

For the second year in a row, fall temperatures were on the mild side thru the end of December. November was a mild month, with only a couple of days of freezing rain towards the end of December. January 2000 began with warmer temperatures also. Our first snow storm was on January 13<sup>th</sup>. Frigid temperatures continued thru the month and more snow. We had 1 large snowstorm accumulating to 12 inches. It is important to me that I continue to make our roads passable and safe for travel.

### **SPRING, SUMMER, FALL OF 1999**

Attended 12 UNH Technology Transfer Center workshops. As of spring 2000, I will have my 3<sup>rd</sup> level as Senior Road Scholar and by the end of June will have achieved the last level as Master Road Scholar.

Revised the Winter Road Policy

Laid down 80 tons of crushed gravel on Cross Road which has greatly improved the road and drainage.

Continue posting of roads in the spring with 6 ton weight limit signs to avoid heavy trucks from doing damage to our roads during mud season. Any one caught over the 6 ton limit will be responsible for repair damage to our roads. All Town maintained roads will be posted yearly.

Yearly grading on our gravel roads took place

Laid down a total of 300 tons of crushed gravel on Swamp, South and Mountain Roads, mainly on the hilly sections that were badly eroded which will help make it easier for us to regrade our gravel roads

Roadside cutting done on 90% of the town

Clean culverts and some roadside ditching

Repair and replace damaged street signs and missing stop signs

Remove and replace 12" culverts on McCoy and Spring Hill Roads

Resurface 1 1/4 mile on McCoy Road with approximately 752 tons of hot mix and resurface 5/8 mile on Spring Hill Road with approximately 487 tons of hot mix. This was made possible with the passage of last years' warrant articles, which enables us to continue upgrading our roads. These improvements make our roads safer, better for daily travel, and easier to maintain.

Re-excavate and replace shoulder at the cul-de-sac on Sliptown Road



Resurface Sliptown Road, 3/10<sup>th</sup> of a mile with approximately 170 tons of hot mix and shim a section of Spring Hill Road. This was not part of a warrant article.

Yearly road patching on Greenleaf, Spring Hill, Mill and the lower part of McCoy Roads

Clear and remove trees ,brush cutting on the backside of McCoy Road cemetery approximately 3 acres. Routine grass cutting on McCoy Road cemetery. Started improvements on the Jarmany Hill Road cemetery.

## **FUTURE WORK**

I would like to stress how important it is to continue our road resurfacing program. In the past few years, I have been executing preventive road maintenance. What I mean by that, is, spend \$1.00 now and it will save \$8-\$10 in time. As of now, in my estimation our road resurfacing program is about 50% completed. If we continue to pass the warrant articles, by mid summer our program will be 75% completed. So that we don't have to get into reconstruction of our roads which would be very costly for the town.

This year I would like to resurface the other section of Spring Hill Road from the intersection of Jarmany Hill Road to Mill Road approximately 600 tons of hot mix. Secondly, resurface Mill Road, which is badly deteriorated, with approximately 700 tons of hot mix. I do hope Sharon residents will continue to move forward on our road program by supporting these warrant articles.

Continue roadside cutting to control growth

Repair decking on Swamp Road bridge

Continue improvements on all our gravel roads

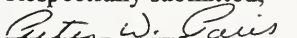
Continue improvements on Town cemeteries

Back in April 1995, an inventory on upgrading our roads was done, and a proposal was given to the Selectmen quoting up to \$362,000 to resurface our roads. If we stay on schedule, by the end of our fourth year of our road resurfacing program, we will have saved about \$180,000, Keeping in mind, prices do increase every year. After our resurfacing program is complete, we can continue to do our preventive maintenance on a lower scale.

Our roads have, and are improving, because of the cooperation of the residents and continued support of the Selectmen.

Again, I would like to thank the Selectmen and residents of Sharon for their continuing support during the 1999 season.

Respectfully submitted,



Peter W. Paris

Road Agent

Town of Sharon

**WINTER ROAD POLICY  
TOWN OF SHARON  
(Revised 12/31/1999)**

Sharon's Winter Road Policy is to try and maintain and make our roads as safe as possible during the winter season. The roads maintained by the Town of Sharon are: Nashua Road, Temple Road, Greenleaf Road, Mountain Road, McCoy Road, Cross Road, Sliptown Road, Spring Hill Road starting at the intersection of Jarmany Hill Road to the Jaffrey/Sharon town line, and Mill Road. State maintained roads are: Route 123, Route 124, Jarmany Hill Road, and Spring Hill Road from the intersection of Jarmany Hill Road to the Sharon/Peterborough town line.

Sharon's school bus route will be maintained first because of the need to have our roads as safe as possible for the transporting of our students.

Sharon does not use a large amount of salt, therefore, our roads, depending on the season, could be ice and snow covered for a period of time. When this occurs, the town will do its best to try and remove as much as possible from the surface of the road by means of a grader or other equipment.

Plowing our roads will not commence until snow has accumulated to a sufficient amount, unless slippery road conditions occur first. Roads will continue to be plowed according to the accumulation of snow as determined by the Road Agent.

After completion of each snow and or ice storm, roads will be sanded if necessary, to help the covered roads melt and make our roads safe.

Driveway plowing across Town roads will not be allowed. This narrows the road and compacts the snow bank, making it much more difficult for our contractors to plow and push back snow. This will be enforced by the Road Agent.

During the course of the winter, as snow depths get increasingly higher, and our roads get narrower, roads will be widened and snow pushed off to the sides as much as possible.

RSA 215-A:6 states OHRV's are not permitted to operate on the traveled portion or within the right-of-way or any public way, including roads, streets, highways, bridges, parking lots, sidewalks or ways that are maintained by any city, town, county, state or federal agency, except when specifically allowed and posted.

**It is unlawful to:**

- Operate as to endanger any person or damage property
- Operate on any road or within the right-of-way except where authorized and posted
- Chase or harass wildlife

- Operate on town roads or sidewalks unless posted for OHRV's
- Operate on or across any highway bridge unless posted as open for OHRV's
- Tow any person or sled without a rigid hitch.

The town does not allow snowmobiling on town roads.

It is important that people take into account and be aware of weather and road conditions while driving Sharon's roads. Please drive cautiously and safely at a reasonable rate of speed, so as not to endanger other vehicles and or pedestrians.

## **TO ALL A SAFE WINTER**

Peter Paris, Road Agent  
TOWN OF SHARON

Selectmen, Town of Sharon  
re: report of the Planning Board

January 12, 2000

The Planning Board conducted routine business this year, deciding on only one unusual matter, which was the plans for the Sharon Arts Center to demolish and replace their main building at the Rt. 123 location. Their plan is to provide a more efficient use of space for administrative offices and classrooms, now that the retail shop and gallery have been moved to Peterborough. Finding that the Arts Center met all requirements of the zoning ordinance, the Planning Board gave its approval.

Work slowly continues on the revision of the Master Plan. We hope to have work on the Master Plan completed this year.

No major changes in the zoning ordinance have been discussed or proposed, other than a change in wording concerning building permits.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken Callahan', written over a horizontal line.

Ken Callahan, Chairman

REPORT OF TOWN FOREST FIRE WARDEN AND STATE FOREST RANGER

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing ANY outside burning. Fire permits are required for any open burning unless the ground is completely covered with snow where the burning will be done. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are eleven Forest Rangers who work for the New Hampshire Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. During the 1999 season Forest Rangers were busy assisting communities with suppression of difficult and remote multi-day fires. Forest Rangers have also investigated numerous complaints regarding violations of the timber harvest and forest fire laws, and taken enforcement action to ensure compliance. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws, please call our office at 271-2217.

There are 2400 Forest Fire Wardens and Deputy Forest Fire Wardens throughout the state. Each town has a Forest Fire Warden and several Deputy Wardens who assist the Forest Rangers with forest fire suppression, prevention, and law enforcement. The 1999 fire season was a challenging but safe year for wildland firefighters in New Hampshire. The severe drought conditions throughout the spring and summer months combined with residual effects of 1998 Ice Storm, resulted in a dramatic increase in wildland fires. In addition to burning in excess of 452 acres, 35 structures were also impacted by wildfire. Wildland fires in the urban interface is a serious concern for both landowners and firefighters. Homeowners can help protect their structures by maintaining adequate green space around them and making sure that houses are properly identified with street numbers.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments. This is a critical factor in controlling the size of wildland fires and keeping the loss of property and suppression costs as low as possible.

Please contact your local fire department before doing ANY outside burning.

REMEMBER ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!!

1999 FIRE STATISTICS

(All Fires Reported thru December 10, 1999)

TOTALS BY COUNTY

	<u>Numbers</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Hillsborough	271	50
Rockingham	218	111
Merrimack	213	115
Belknap	139	66
Cheshire	131	28
Strafford	98	26
Carroll	81	17
Grafton	70	18
Sullivan	62	17
Coos	18	3.25
	<u>Total Fires</u>	<u>Total Acres</u>
1999	1301	452.28
1998	798	442.86

CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED

Debris Burning	352
Miscellaneous *	279
Smoking	188
Children	176
Campfire	161
Arson/Suspicious	54
Equipment Use	43
Lightning	42
Railroad	6
* Miscellaneous (powerlines, fireworks, structures, OHRV)	

# SHARON CONSERVATION COMMISSION



- Members:** Karen DeBonis (Chair), Ken Callahan, Linda Claff, Gina Goff, Will Fenno and Selinda Chiquoine. Honorary: Milt Street.
- Wetlands:** Two wetlands were inventoried in 1999, bringing the total to 14 completed. The information, collected as baseline data, will help determine the value or uniqueness of wetlands over 10 acres, and will be a guide for avoiding negative impact or pollution.
- Conservation Fund:** The Sharon Conservation Fund now has approximately \$ 8,000. The Fund was established at Town Meeting in 1994 and is added to from Current Use Change Taxes. To date, expenditures from the Fund have been used toward the acquisition and protection of the Sharon Bog and Holt Peak (on Temple Mountain).
- Town Forest:** Hikers, snowshoers and cross-country skiers can now enjoy seeing parts of the 900+ acre Sharon Town Forest on a new trail cleared from McCoy Road to Street Street. A guided hike into the Forest for Sharonites was held in September.
- The Conservation Commission has received a suggestion from our town attorney that we place a conservation easement on parts of the Town Forest, as a reinforcement on the deed restrictions which prohibit residential, commercial and industrial development. The Commission has informed the Selectmen about this and will research what would be involved in placing an easement on the "inner core" of the Forest, which is landlocked.
- Earth Day:** Our annual Town Clean-Up is planned for Saturday, April 22. (Rain/snow date: April 29). A sign up sheet will be distributed at Town Meeting. As usual, volunteers are welcome to pick up trash on their own schedules, but the effort is more fun if we can work as a group. Sorted trash will go to the Recycling Center in Peterborough.





## **Land**

**Protection:** The Conservation Commission continued to track the efforts of the New England Forestry Foundation, which has an agreement with the Cabot family to acquire 211 acres going up Temple Mountain (which includes a portion of the Wapack Trail).

Individuals have inquired about methods to permanently protect their land in Sharon (easements, donations, bargain sale, etc.) and about possible the tax or estate planning benefits of doing so. We have referred them to groups such as the Monadnock Conservancy or the Society for the Protection of NH Forests.

One conservation easement was completed in 1999: 11.8 acres owned by the Kohaks on Swamp Road are now permanently protected and under the stewardship of the Society for the Protection of NH Forests.

**Water Quality:** The coordinator of the Drinking Water Supply Land Conservation Outreach Program came to Sharon to educate us about options to protect our aquifers (which supply our wells). We have also contacted the Department of Environmental Services about this issue.

A member of the New Ipswich Conservation Commission explained their efforts to monitor drinking water quality. Of note is that the major aquifer in Sharon is connected to the New Ipswich aquifer via the Gridley River. The Gridley flows close to the New Ipswich landfill, which is scheduled to close in a few years.

## **Other**

**Projects:** In collaboration with the Planning Board, the Conservation Commission is drafting the Open Space section of the town's revised Master Plan.

Members participated in conservation-related meetings and workshops with people from other towns in the region. Area communities are examining shared natural resources and the idea of linking protected lands.

One member of the Commission completed an 8-week "Natural Resource Volunteer - Caring for Communities" course, given by the UNH Cooperative Extension Service in conjunction with the USDA.

**The Sharon Conservation Commission meets on the second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. in the schoolhouse.**

**Interested citizens are welcome to attend.**

